

## A Gift From Father Mike



When Fr. Mike O'Rourke was born to eternal life, he left behind something very precious--tapes of many of his sermons. Our memorial committee is placing these homilies on a website and on CDs.

The website, called *Jesus, According to Fr. Mike*, can be viewed by going to the St. Mary Parish website ([www.stmaryparish.org](http://www.stmaryparish.org)) beginning Aug. 7. At the same time a copy of the first CD, *Fr. Mike's Gift*, will be available for each parish family at no charge. Plans are to distribute this first CD after all masses the weekends of Aug. 14-15 and Aug. 21-22. After that time, the CD copies will be available in the parish office.

Feel free to make more copies on your own and to distribute them to people who knew Father Mike as well as those who never had that privilege but who want to hear his insight on daily life and his interpretation of the Gospel.

This first CD contains seven of Father Mike's homilies. On this disc you will hear Christmas and Easter messages as well as a First Communion sermon titled, "Let the Children Come to Me." Father Mike shares his deep faith in the existence of God and his gratitude for the warmth and love of Jesus. He discusses family harmony and heartache. Finally, in what he considered one of his most sincere messages, he gives an All Souls Day homily about how to deal with the pain of loss.

St. Mary members serving on the Committee to Assemble & Review Father Mike's Works are working to put more of his sermons on CD. We are not charging for these CDs because our first priority is to keep Father Mike's teachings alive. However, we hope that if you are able, you would consider a donation to the Fr. Mike O'Rourke Catholic Education Fund so that we can cover the cost of the CD production and fund other educational programs and activities.

Fr. Mike's greatest desire was that we come to know Jesus as our best friend. It is our prayer that these recordings both deepen your faith and, by hearing his voice, bring you comfort. Please contact any of the committee members if you have questions or suggestions.

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